Industrially backward districts of Bihar

2959. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Bihar which are industrially backward;

(b) the schemes made for industrial development of those districts;

(c) the amounts spent so far in each case; and

(d) what are the future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Central Government had notified industrially backward districts as categories 'A' and 'B' for income-tax concessions. Units which are set up under 'A' category districts are eligible for 100% tax holiday for period of 5 years and 3 years tax holiday in category 'B' districts. Such units in both categories of districts are entitled to a further deduction of 25% (30% in the case of companies) from their profits and gains for a period of another 5 years. The districts which are declared as industrially backward under 'A' and 'B' category in Bihar are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The growth Centre Scheme which was launched by Central Government in 1988 with the objective to provide quality infrastructure in the industrially backward districts and under the Scheme five Growth Centres were sanctioned in the State of Bihar. An amount of Rs. 700 lakhs had been released. The present status of the Growth Centres in Bihar are given in the Statement.

Statement-I

Industrially backward districts under 'A' and 'B' category in Bihar

Category 'A' industrially backward districts	Category 'B' industrially backward districts
1. Araria	1. Katiyar
2. Madhepura	2. Bhagalpur
3. Khagariya	3. Gopalganj

Category 'A' industrially backward districts	Category 'B' industrially backward districts
4. Kishanganj	4.Darbhanga
5. Madhubani	5. West Champaran
6. Jehanabad	6. Saran
7. Saharsa	7. Bhojpur
8. Nawadah	8. Samastipur
9. Sitamarhi	9. Nalanda
10. Aurangabad	10. Gaya
11. East Chamaparan	11.Muzaffarpur
12. Purnia	12. Rohtas
13. Siwan	
14. Vaishali	

Statement-II

Status of Physical and Financial Progress of the Growth Centre in the State of Bihar

* Financial Progress

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of Growth Centre/District	Date of approval	Approved Project cost	Amount of Central Release	Amount Released by States & its Agencies	Total expendiure
1	2	3	4	5	6
BIHAR					
Begusarai (Begusarai)	03.05.95	2475.00	500.00	697.75	943.87
Bhagalpur (Bhagalpur)	30.9.96	3755.00	50.00	392.77	458.40

1	2	3	4	5	6
Chhapra (Chhapra)	30.9.96	3511.00	50.00	90.00	9.70
Darbhanga (Darbhanga)	13.2.98	4113.00	50.00	—	—
Muzaffarpur (Muzaffarpur)	30.09.96	3311.00	50.00	90.00	9.73

*Physical Progress:—

Name of Growth Centre/ District	Land/ acquired	Plots/sheds developed	Plots/ sheds allotted	No. of units establ-ished	Capital invested by units (Rs. in lakhs)	Employ-ment generated
Bihar Begusarai (Begusarai)	392.141 acres	—	—	—	—	—
Bhagalpur (Bhagalpur)	424.25 acres	—	—	—	—	—
Chhapra (Chhapra)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darbhanga (Darbhanga)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Muzaffarpur (Muzaffarpur)	—	—	—	—	—	—

Export potential of Indian chillies

2960. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spices Board made any sustained study on the potential for export of Indian chillies;

(b) if so, the details of the potential of export of chillies;

(c) which are the varieties of chillies for which foreign demand has been identified by the Spices Board;

(d) whether the Spices Board organised any export orders for Andhra chillies; and